


TROLLEY

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE LIVE WIRE OF SUMMERLEE

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This first edition of "Trolley" is intended to update Transport Group Members of the progress at Summerlee during 1991.

OPERATING NEWS

The major event of 1991 is of course the opening of the extension which more than doubles the original stretch of operating track to approx. 475metres. Motormen/women are reminded of the isolator at the depot end of the bridge where power MUST be switched OFF. The depot fan is the only section yet to be connected up to the main line.

TRAMCARS

Car 53 has been internally varnished and the wood for the seats is currently being cut by the Summerlee craftsmen.

Car 150 is due to be dismantled and put into store. The truck has been cleaned and repainted

by STG members and is waiting for certain parts so that re-assembly can be completed and eventually find its place beneath *Car 53*.

Car 225, since the New Year has been operating the entire service, daily.

Car 1017 has now arrived by low-loader from Cambuslang to outside the main building and will soon be moved to the depot where restoration work will eventually begin.

Car 9062 has been in the depot since the beginning of the year and is currently undergoing bodywork repair, waterproofing, window rubber replacement and eventually a repaint. - **Any help offered would be gratefully received.** It is also planned that the "back-up" controller be fitted with one similar to that of No. 1 end.

EVENTS

The recent "Spring Fling" seen over 7,000 visitors to the Park and around 2,000 on the Tramway - A new record? The Group's stall was also very successful on the day.

The Historic Vehicle Festival on June 30 is also expected to be very busy and **any help either on the Tramcars or on the Stall would be greatly appreciated.** We are also considering the operation of a stall every weekend and help is also needed for this.

Other events later in the year include the Grand Steam Fair and the Model Engineering Display.

MOTOR SCHOOL

Members wishing to attend the "Motorschool" and learn to operate the Tramcars should contact Chief Instructor, Bob Connor, Brian Longworth or Willie Guthrie at Summerlee. **Help is especially needed for mid-week operation.**

DEPOT MAINTENANCE

Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated in the Car-sheds. With tasks ranging from Cashbag sewing and cleaning to oiling and painting there is something for everyone to do. For more information come along any Thursday evening or Sunday or contact Bob Higgins, the Project Co-ordinator.

NEWSLETTER

It is hoped to start work on "The Summerlee Traction News" (No.4) fairly soon.

AGM

At the re-scheduled AGM the following office-bearers were elected:

Robert A. Connor	-Chairman
George Lane	-Secretary
Robert Sutherland	-Treasurer
James Wilson	-Sales Officer
Robert Higgins	-ProjectCo-ordinator
James Hood	-Membership Secretary

Brian Longworth -Committee Member
Thomas Caldwell -Committee Member

Due to ill health Jim Hood has regretfully had to step down from the position of membership secretary and this job has now been taken over by Peter Robertson

TROLLEY

Any ideas or suggestions on the layout or content of future "Trolley's" should be sent to myself at the Heritage Park. It is hoped to produce a copy of "Trolley" every 2 to 3 months or whenever required to keep members regularly updated with events at Summerlee.

Summerlee Transport Group
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